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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Dr. Nelson Armour will retire as Superintendent of Schools, Fairview School District 72 in Skokie, at the completion of the 2004-2005 school year; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Armour received his B.A. with honors in American Intellectual History and English from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and his Ed.D. in Educational Psychology from Loyola University of Chicago; he also attended Harvard Graduate School of Education; and

WHEREAS, His experience in education has spanned 36 years, from 1968 to 2005 (except for one full year of international travel); he has been a Teacher, a Coordinator/Teacher, an Instructor at NIU's College of Education, an Assistant Principal, a Principal, and a Superintendent; and

WHEREAS, From 1996 to 2005, during his tenure as Superintendent, Dr. Armour worked with the School Board and community to complete Fairview's most significant facility program since 1951 and to resolve Fairview's long-standing financial crisis; he provided leadership to negotiate a 12-year historic teachers' contract and worked with the School Board and union to move beyond a previous strike and labor conflict; he provided leadership in curriculum and program reviews and improvements in all major areas; he also led the development of a long-range educational Strategic Plan for Fairview, set high standards for the employment, retention, and granting of tenure of teachers, provided leadership for community and District crises, and taught as an adjunct faculty member for DePaul University since 1999; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Armour is married to Joan K. Weaver, and they have two children, Molly and Alexander; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 we congratulate Dr. Nelson Armour on his retirement, thank him
4 for his many years of service and outstanding leadership in
5 public education, and wish him well in his future endeavors;
6 and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to Dr. Armour as an expression of our admiration and
9 esteem.